Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bernice Swallom was born November 29, 1914, at her parents home at Springfield, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Bernice graduated from Springfield High School in 1932, attended Springfield Normal and taught school for several years; and,

Whereas, Bernice was united in marriage to George Dobesh on December 31, 1935, and to this union three children were born, Frank, Barbara, and Janet, who in turn blessed them with nine grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Bernice was a ranch partner with her husband for many years, conducted church and taught church school in a rural church, owned and operated a plant nursery, worked for Black Hills Dairy Herd Improvement Association, was instrumental in the building fund drive for the Spearfish Senior Citizen building, Bernice and George were both main actors in the Black Hills Passion Play for over 25 years, she enjoys playing cards and bingo, and does many crafts as a hobby, she is known as "The Doily Lady" in the Hills area, she continues to volunteer at the Senior Citizen Center, RSVP, helps with Chamber of Commerce mailings, and is an active member of the Spearfish Methodist Church; and,

Whereas, Bernice will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on November 27, 2004, at the Spearfish Senior Citizen Center to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 29, 2004, as

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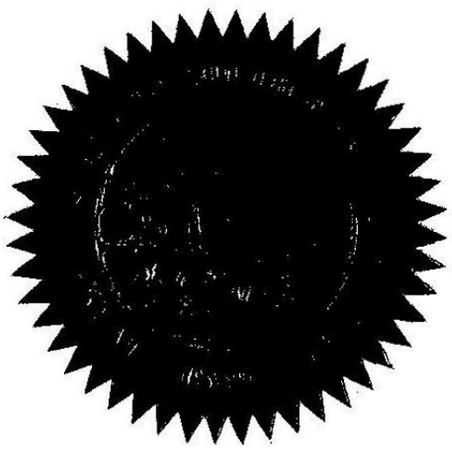
in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State